

convincing, and plain refutation of his (Bishop Colenso's) errors, I am happy to inform your readers that Mr. Birks is now engaged upon a reply, which will be soon forthcoming, and will, I have no doubt, prove a wise, convincing, and plain refutation of the Bishop's errors."

TEMPERANCE IN THE ARMY.—The temperance cause is progressing rapidly in the army. At Woolwich, since the Garrison Temperance Society was formed last year, 512 non-commissioned officers and men have signed the pledge; and at Warley barracks, within little more than a year, upwards of 700 have become teetotallers. A missionary of the National Temperance League, who has laboured upwards of five years amongst the military, is of opinion that in the portion of the army with which he has lately come in contact fifteen per cent. of the soldiers are teetotallers. When 3,000 men recently embarked at Woolwich and Gravesend for India, the National Temperance League presented a packet of temperance publications to each man; and the commandant-general, Sir Richard Dacres, issued an order expressing his high gratification that every man was forthcoming at the time, and that not a drunken man was to be seen—quite a new feature in the embarkation of soldiers for foreign service.

THE PRINCE OF WALES IN NAPLES.—The Prince and Princess of Prussia, with the Prince of Wales, have recently been up Vesuvius. The Princess of Prussia made her late ascent on foot, scrambling, slipping, and struggling with her companions. After remaining about half an hour the royal party began to descend—ankle-deep in fine ashes, sliding, involuntarily running, the only difficulty being to keep themselves from rolling to the bottom. One gentleman broke the scabbard of his sword; and the Princess found herself almost shoeless or bootless, and, as the Neapolitans would say, compelled to *rimediare con un fazzoletto*. The royal party have also visited Pompeii, and carried away many relics. In honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Prussia gave a dinner on board the Osborne steamship. At the close of the dinner the health of her Majesty was given, and was received with much enthusiasm, and then General Knollys, all the guests rising, proposed the health of the Prince of Wales. Briefly, but in a very feeling manner, he intimated that but for the great loss which the royal family and the nation had sustained the Prince would not have been here this evening, and then, alluding to the great future which lay before him, he pointed to and eulogised the bright example of the deeply-to-be-regretted Prince Albert. The Princesses were much affected, and, as the guests raised their glasses to drink the toast, the Princess of Prussia, who stood next to his Royal Highness, turned towards and kissed her brother. A rocket announced that the toast of the evening had been drunk, and in a moment the London, the Doris, and the Magicienne were blazing with blue lights; they ran along the yards and peered out of the portholes, while rockets were sent up from each vessel, and the silence of the evening was broken by the cheers of the crew as they drank the health of the Prince of Wales. The royal travellers are now at Rome.

PROCLAMATION OF PRINCE ALFRED.—Hydra, Spezzia, Nauplia, Tripolitza, Sparta, Calamatra, Chaleis, Syra, and Kiriten, have all declared for Prince Alfred. At Athens, on the 26th ult., a large crowd of all classes, after parading the streets and shouting for Prince Alfred, stopped before the British Legation, and would not depart until Mr. Scarlett addressed them. Thanking them for their sympathy towards England, he told them that he could not give an opinion on the subject which brought them there, but that Greece had the best wishes of England. The crowd then dispersed in the most orderly manner.

At Lamaia, on the Turkish frontier, the people, the army, and the public authorities have proclaimed Prince Alfred King of Greece. A salute of 100 guns was fired on the occasion.